

REPORTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY.

FEBRUARY 6, 1827.

Read the first and second time, and laid upon the table.

A BILL

Supplementary to, and in amendment of, the several acts for the punishment of crimes against the United States.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*
3 if any officer, mariner, or other person, belonging to the crew
4 of any ship or vessel, owned in whole, or in part, by any citi-
5 zen or citizens of the United States, upon the high seas, or in
6 any arm of the sea, or in any river, haven, creek, basin, or bay,
7 within the admiralty and maritime jurisdiction of the United
8 States, and out of the jurisdiction of any particular State, shall
9 make a revolt, or mutiny, in or on board of such ship or ves-
10 sel, every such offender, his counsellors, aiders and abettors,
11 shall, upon conviction thereof, be deemed guilty of felony, and
12 shall be punished by fine, not exceeding three thousand dollars,
13 and imprisonment and confinement to hard labor, not exceed-
14 ing ten years, according to the aggravation of the offence.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That, if any person or*
2 persons, upon the high seas, or in arm of the sea, or in any
3 river, haven, creek, basin, or bay, within the admiralty and ma-

4 ritime jurisdiction of the United States, and out of the juris-
 5 diction of any particular State, shall wilfully and corruptly,
 6 with intent to injure or defraud any other person or persons,
 7 or body politic or corporate, whatsoever, run down, cast away,
 8 burn, sink, or otherwise destroy, or cause to be lost, any ship
 9 or vessel, owned in whole or in part, by any citizen or citizens
 10 of the United States, or shall wilfully and corruptly, with
 11 such intent as aforesaid, abandon or desert any such ship or
 12 vessel, in order that the same may be, and the same shall in
 13 fact be, run down, cast away, burnt, sunk, or otherwise de-
 14 stroyed, or lost, every such offender, his counsellors, aiders,
 15 and abettors in the offence, shall be deemed guilty of felony,
 16 and shall, upon conviction thereof, suffer death.

1 SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That if any person,
 2 or persons, upon the high seas, or in any arm of the sea, or
 3 in any river, creek, haven, basin, or bay, within the admiralty
 4 and maritime jurisdiction of the United States, and out of the
 5 jurisdiction of any particular State, shall commit the crime of
 6 larceny or theft, or shall fraudulently and corruptly embezzle,
 7 purloin, secrete, or maliciously despoil, burn, sink, or other-
 8 wise destroy, any goods, wares, or merchandise, or any bond,
 9 bill, note, check, or other valuable security, or documentary
 10 evidence, or title of property, belonging to any other person,
 11 or persons, or body politic or corporate whatsoever, every such
 12 offender, his counsellors, aiders, and abettors, shall be deem-

13 ed guilty of felony, and shall, on conviction thereof, be punish-
 14 ed by fine, not exceeding two thousand dollars, and by impri-
 15 sonment and confinement to hard labor, not exceeding five
 16 years, according to the aggravation of the offence.

1 **SEC. 4.** *And be it further enacted,* That if any officer,
 2 mariner, or other person, belonging to the crew of any ship,
 3 or vessel, owned, in whole or in part, by any citizen, or citi-
 4 zens of the United States, upon the high seas, or in any arm
 5 of the sea, or in any river, haven, creek, basin, or bay, within
 6 the admiralty and maritime jurisdiction of the United States,
 7 and out of the jurisdiction of any particular State, shall com-
 8 mit a riot on board of such ship, or vessel, or shall incite or
 9 conspire, or confederate with any other person, or persons,
 10 of such crew, to make revolt or mutiny on board of such ship,
 11 or vessel, or to resist the lawful orders of the commander of
 12 such ship, or vessel, or to refuse their duty, or to betray their
 13 trust on board thereof, every such offender shall, on convic-
 14 tion, be punished by fine, not exceeding five hundred dollars,
 15 or by imprisonment, not exceeding two years, or by both, ac-
 16 cording to the aggravation of the offence.

1 **SEC. 5.** *And be it further enacted,* That, if any master
 2 or officer of any ship or vessel, owned in whole, or in part, by
 3 any citizen or citizens of the United States, upon the high
 4 seas, or in any arm of the sea, or in any river, haven, creek,
 5 basin, or bay, within the admiralty or maritime jurisdiction

6 of the United States, and out of the jurisdiction of any par-
7 ticular State, shall, unlawfully, maliciously, and cruelly beat,
8 wound, or imprison, any other person, or withhold from such
9 person suitable food and nourishment, or inflict upon such
10 person any cruel or unusual punishment, every such offender
11 shall, on conviction, be punished by fine, not exceeding one
12 thousand dollars, or by imprisonment, not exceeding two
13 years, or by both, according to the aggravation of the offence.

1 **SEC. 6.** *And be it further enacted,* That, if any offence
2 shall be committed on board of any ship or vessel, owned by
3 any citizen or citizens of the United States, while lying in
4 any port or place within the jurisdiction of any foreign state or
5 sovereign, by any person belonging to the company of said
6 ship or vessel, or by any other person, being a citizen of the
7 United States, to or upon any goods or property on board of
8 such ship or vessel; or if any offence shall be committed by
9 any person or persons whatsoever, in any arm of the sea, or
10 in any river, haven, creek, basin, or bay, within the admiralty
11 and maritime jurisdiction of the United States, and out of the
12 jurisdiction of any particular State; or if any offence shall be
13 committed on board of any public ship or vessel of the United
14 States, in any port or place whatsoever, by any person or per-
15 sons, who shall not be amenable or punishable therefor to or
16 by any court martial, every such offence shall be cognizable
17 and punishable in the proper Circuit Court of the United

18 States, in the same way and manner, and under the same cir-
 19 cumstances, as the same offence would be under the laws of
 20 the United States, if committed on the high seas : *Provided,*
 21 *however,* That, if the offender shall be tried for any such of-
 22 fence, committed in any port or place within the jurisdiction
 23 of any foreign state or sovereign, and acquitted or convicted
 24 thereof, in any competent Court of such foreign state or so-
 25 vereign, he shall not be subject to another trial therefor, in
 26 any Court of the United States.

1 SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted,* That the provisions
 2 of the twenty-ninth section of the act passed the thirtieth day
 3 of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety, entitled
 4 "An act for the punishment of certain crimes against the
 5 United States," shall apply, and be in force, as to all offences,
 6 the punishment whereof now is, or hereafter may be, declared
 7 to be death by any law, or laws of the United States ; in the
 8 same manner, and with the same effect, as the same provi-
 9 sions now apply, and are in force, as to all capital offences.
 10 except treason, enumerated and set forth in the same act.

1 SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted,* That all acts, and parts
 2 of acts, so far as they are inconsistent with the provisions of
 3 this act, shall be, and hereby are repealed, except for the pu-
 4 nishment of all offences committed before the passing of this
 5 act, as to which, they shall be and remain in full force.

1 **SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted,*** That nothing in this
 2 **act contained shall be construed to deprive the courts of the**
 3 **several States of jurisdiction, under the laws of the States,**
 4 **over offences made punishable by this act.**